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COUNTRY: COLOMBIA/CUBA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF CUBAN ARMS FOR THE ARMY OF NATIONAL  
LIBERATION

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1. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARMY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (ELN) TO THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION (LASO) HAD RETURNED TO COLOMBIA AS OF EARLY OCTOBER 1967. COMMENT: THE IDENTITY OF THIS REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT KNOWN.) THE ELN REPRESENTATIVE WENT TO CUBA WITH A REQUEST FROM FABIO VASQUEZ CASTANO, COMMANDER OF THE ELN, FOR A SHIPMENT OF ARMS FOR THE 500 PEASANTS VASQUEZ

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CLAIMS TO BE ABLE TO ARM AND CONTROL. FIDEL CASTRO IS SAID  
TO HAVE AGREED TO FURNISH THESE ARMS. [REDACTED] COMMENT:  
THESE ARMS WILL PROBABLY BE USED IN THE NEW ELN FRONT IN THE  
AREA AROUND VALLEDUPAR NEAR THE VENEZUELAN BORDER. ALTHOUGH  
THE ELN REJECTED A PROPOSAL OF THE VENEZUELAN MOVEMENT OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MLR) ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO TO SET UP A  
JOINT FRONT OF THE BORDER AREA, THIS FRONT IS NOW BELIEVED  
TO BE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMATION.) [REDACTED] COMMENT:

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[REDACTED] THE ELN WOULD OPEN A NEW  
FRONT IN THIS BORDER AREA AS PART OF A POLITICAL/MILITARY  
AGREEMENT WITH THE BRAVO GROUP OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL  
LIBERATION (FALN). THE BOGOTA PRESS OF 5 OCTOBER REPORTED  
THAT VENEZUELAN TROOPS WERE MOVING TOWARD THIS BORDER AREA  
TO ENGAGE A JOINT COLOMBIAN/VENEZUELAN GUERRILLA BAND UNDER  
THE COMMAND OF A CUBAN AND CALLED THE "FABRICIO OJEDA"  
FRONT.)

2. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR MILGROUP CINCSO  
CINCLANT [REDACTED]

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